The South 40

Feeder calf sale falls short of expectations

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

The first feeder cattle sale of the spring was a bit disappointing last Thursday. Most producers were expecting another 3 to 5 cents. Yet, I should point out that prices for steers were $1.50 higher than last spring and heifers were up $3.00 over a year ago. Just over 2000 head were sold. The next sale is set for April 14. This sale is full with about 2000 head consigned. A third sale will be held 7:00 P.M. April 20. There is room for additional consignments to the third sale.

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This year we will continue the effort to establish biological controls for the Cereal Leaf Beetle. In mid to late May we'll receive parasitized CLB larvae to put on farms in this county. Hopefully, there will be enough for three to six farms.

If we haven't placed some on your farm in prior years and you would be interested in getting some this year, please give me a call 352-8244.

It is important that parasitized larvae be introduced on small grain fields with clover or grass seeded. There should be a minimum disturbance of the soil before June, 1984. Excessive tillage, such as plowing or discing, will destroy the parasites.

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We still believe that bermuda grass makes excellent summer grazing when given proper management. Weed control and adequate fertilization are essential.

Tifton 44 is the choice variety for this area of Virginia. It has had high yields and in Georgia tests its digestability is higher than Coastal.

Tifton 44, like Coastal and Midland, is a sterile hybrid that must be propagated by cutting (sprigs). Foundation sprigs are available from Virginia Crop Improvement Farm at $5 per bushel. Certified sprigs from other growers are available for about $2 to $3.

Vamont is a recently released, medium textured turf type bermudagrass that has shown excellent winter hardiness, vigor and well suited for athletic areas, fairways and other turf situations. This variety is also available from the Crop Improvement Farm at $10 per square yard.

Whenever foundation sprigs are bought, get enough to start a nursery - - don't think in terms of doing the complete job with this material - - it would get a bit expensive.

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As the days begin to warm-up, you can expect to see insects appearing around the home and grounds.

Clover mites are tiny red insects about the size of the period at the end of this sentence. They crawl up the walls of homes and find their way inside through window and/or door cracks.

Cluster flies over-winter in sheltered places. In Spring the large, hairy flies collect on doors or windows, wanting to get outside.

Eastern Tent Caterpillars are found making their nest in two of their favorite trees, cherry and apple. However, they are found in other species of trees.

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I'll save the bad news for last - - we can expect the Cereal Leaf Beetle to be worse this spring.

In Virginia farmers have been spraying for the past four years. The acreage sprayed has increased significantly each year: 1979 - 200 acres, 1980 - 2,000 acres, 1981 - 19,837 acres and 1982 62,768.

We recommend spraying wheat when there is an average of one beetle or larvae per flag leaf, on barley, and oats treat when there are 2 per flag leaf.

You'll need to watch the fields carefully as some may need to be sprayed and others not.

A helicopter is the preferred method of spraying wheat and barley. Spring oats can be sprayed with ground equipment without damaging the plants.

FCB rate reduced

The Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore, the area's leading agricultural lending institution, has announced a reduction in the interest rate on its variable Federal Land Bank (FLB) loans from 12.0 to 11.5 percent. The new rate of 11.5 percent becomes effective June 1, 1983.

Farmville Farm Credit Association General Manager, Artie F. Saunders, stated "in tough economic times, we are especially pleased to be able to lower the Land Bank variable interest rate. This represents the second drop in interest rates so far in 1983."

The FLB provides funds for long-term loans to farmers through its 26 affiliated Federal Land Bank Associations. Short-term agricultural lending needs are serviced by the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank (FICB) and its affiliated Production Credit Associations (PCAs). Together the Farmville FLBA and PCA comprise the Farmville Farm Credit Associations, part of the Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore which is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. The Farmville Farm Credit Associations serve farmers and agriculture in twelve counties with branch offices in Farmville, South Hill, Lynchburg, Amelia and Lawrenceville.

ASCS Today

Acerage enrollment is noted as program ends

By TOM CONRAD

Farm Program Signup Ends With 3065 Acres Enrolled - The signup period for the 1983 acreage reduction and payment-in-kind programs ended on March 11 with 3065 acres or 36 percent of the eligible wheat and feed grain base acreages in Appomattox County enrolled. A total of 137 farms are participating.

Faced with record-level surplus crops and weak demand, the U.S. Department of Agriculture offered a payment-in-kind program to further reduce 1983 crops of wheat, corn and grain sorghum from the regular acreage reduction program and bring supplies more in line with demand. The PIK provides farmers with the commodity normally grown on the acreage they withdraw form production as payment for participating. The base acreage enrolled in the program includes 1314 wheat acres and 1656 corn acres.

Provisions of the acreage reduction program calls for a combined 10 percent acreage reduction and a 10 percent land diversion for feed grain and a combination 15 percent acreage reduction and 5 percent paid land diversion for wheat.

Farmers participating in the acreage reduction program were also eligible to participate in the payment-in-kind program offering an additional 10-20 percent of their base acreage to receive payments-in kind. For complying with the acreage reduction and paid land diversion programs, farmers will be eligible for program benefits such as land diversion payments, Commodity Credit Corporation loan and purchases, PIK and target price protection. Wheat and feed grain program participants will also be eligible for use of the grain reserve.

The 1983 farm program requires that cropland taken out of production be devoted to conservation uses to protect it from wind and water erosion. Based on the program enrollment figures, 1847 acres must be put into conservation use.

Brett Marston

Brett Marston excels

Brett Marston placed first in the annual Hub Federation Junior Public Speaking Contest held last Thursday at William Campbell High School. Brett's speech was titled "Thank God I'm A Country Boy". He represented the Appomattox Sr. FFA Chapter in this contest and will go on to the Southside Area contest on April 21st as the Hub Federation representative. Brett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marston of Appomattox.

West arrives in Germany

Pvt. Bernard West, son of Ann Jackson of Route 2, Gladstone, Va., has arrived for duty in Hanau, West Germany.

West, an administrative specialist with the 130th Engineer Brigade, was previously assigned at Fort Belvoir, Va.

He is a 1972 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, Brooklyn, N.Y.

DONALD ARMENTROUT, PRINCIPAL, Appomattox County High School, (left), and Vivian Seay, (center), representative of the student government, accept flag from Bill Neathawk, (right), who made the presentation on behalf of the American Legion Post 104. (Photo by Bill Sherrod.)

Soil erosion is a cause of concern

By D.W. THORNHILL JR.
Soil Conservation Service

Five acres of land lie between the American citizen and starvation Fifty years ago it was 10 acres. Thirty years ago it was eight acres.

Every hour, with 200 new Americans to feed, the U.S. loses 220 acres of our food growing farmlands to urban development, such as townhouses, shopping centers, coal mines, etc. That's the equivalent of 23 average sized farms going out of business each day or a total loss of five million acres of rural and each year to non-agricultural uses.

Each year 2.8 billion tons of soil erode from our nations cropland. This is equivelant to 9 tons per acre per year on all cropland! If this erosion rate continues, most of our topsoil will be gone in less than 100 years.

Soil erosion each year puts 4 billion tons of sediment into the rivers and lakes of the U.S. That amount stacked on a football field would extend 400 miles up into the air.

In most places on earth we stand only 6 inches from disolation, for that is the thickness of the topsoil layer upon which the entire life of the plant depends.

Some pretty impressive figures aren't they? They're real, but if you're like most people you would say, "They don't apply to me. My farm doesn't have any erosion." Wrong. Every acre of farmland in the U.S. has some erosion. In Appomattox County it is estimated that the average cropland field erodes at a rate of 10 tons per acre per year. An inch of topsoil covering one acre would weigh approximately 165 tons, therefore, every 15-20 years you will lose 1 inch of topsoil. Studies in the Southern Piedmont show that for every inch of topsoil you lose you are cutting your average crop yields by 7 percent. Can you afford this?

The Soil Conservation Service in cooperation with the Robert E. Lee Soil & Water Conservation District has an ongoing program to assist landowners with existing and potential conservation problems. The local office can prepare a farm plan for your farm. This plan, which is based on soil data, the landowners objectives and technical standards, will provide recommendations of agronomic and engineering practices and give alternatives for controlling soil loss within tolerable limits.

Soil saving practices, such as crop rotations and contour and no-till cropping along with structures, such as grassed waterways, diversions, terraces, etc., will be incorporated into your farm plan. The plan will also include recommendations for grassland establishment and maintenance and woodland management. Most structures, such as grassed waterways, terraces, diversions and stripcropping, just to name a few, are eligible for ASCS cost-share. If you would like more information or are interested in developing a plan for your farm, please contact your local Soil Conservation Service office located in the Courtland Building across from the Courthouse in Appomattox. Our phone number is 352-5610.

All programs and services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are available to everyone without regard to race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

Kellam in exercise

Air Force Airman 1st Class Mark D. Kellam, son of Franklin D. and Marie A. Kellam of Route 2, Appomattox, Va., has participated in exercise Team Spirit, a joint and combined U.S. and Republic of Korea military exercise to train commanders, staff and forces in the execution of joint and combined ground, air and sea operations.

U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine forces joined with their Republic of Korea counterparts for these maneuvers.

Kellam is a ground equipment mechanic with the 43rd Field Maintenance Squadron at Anderson Air Force Base, Guam.

He is a 1979 graduate of Central High School, Painter, Va.

His wife, Air Force Airman 1st Class Theresa L. Kellam, is the daughter of Roger E. and Evelyn M. Fisher of Route 6, Columbia City, Ind.

Company handling new line

Buckingham County Farm Bureau President Philip Bryan has announced that Anderson Tire Company of Dillwyn has joined the list of service agents handling the Safemark Products line for area Farm Bureau members.

Bryan, in making the announcement, said he is pleased to have Shield Anderson and the staff at Anderson Tire Company available to serve the needs of county Farm Bureau members. Anderson Tire joins with Adams Oil Company, also of Dillwyn as Safemark Service Agents for Buckingham County.

Oakville Club will meet

The Oakville Home and Garden Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. on April 12, 1983 at the Oakville School. Mrs. Peggy Rogers will present a program on Community Projects. Hostesses are Mrs. Hazel Lee Martin and Mrs. Kathleen Richardson.

All club members are urged to make plans to attend.

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Hollywood

By MARY BAGBY

"Thus said Jesus, Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

Dr. V. W. Sears brought a good Easter message to the Hollywood people Sunday.

We were very sorry to hear of the death last week of Mr. Frank Gowen of Dillwyn. Our sincere sympathy is extended his loved ones.

We were very sorry to hear Mrs. Dan Menser of Hampton was a patient in the hospital there. Our prayers are with her and her love ones. May she have a speedy recovery.

We're sorry to hear Mrs. Annie Webb is on the sick list. We hope she may soon be real well again.

We hear Mrs. L.H. Watson Sr. of Waynesboro is still not feeling good. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Madeline Inge accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington to Charlottesville Thursday and visited Henry Earl Covington at the hospital there. We pray he may soon be better.

Our prayers and many get well wishes are with Mrs. Bessie Obrien who is a patient in the hospital in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Greg Pugh of Hampton spent the Easter weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Repass and family.

Mrs. Monroe Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Cawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson, William and April Watson and Miss Julia Wingfield visited Mrs. Mary Bagby Sunday. Others calling in this home during the week were Mr. Andy Davis and daughter, Robin, Mr. L.L. Webb, Miss Joyce Webb, Katherine Wingfield, Ruby and Lisa Woodall, Mrs. Kenneth Deaner, Dawn and Kenneth Stuart Deaner.

Mrs. Ioan Mayberry and Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mayberry of Newport News spent the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. Roy St.John of Charlotte Court House.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa spent the Easter holidays in Covington with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coffey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Ramesdell and family, Kevin, Jeff and Jody Kendricks were Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond.

Mrs. James Conner and Mr. Calvin Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman last week. Mr. Herbert Abbitt and Mr. Alfred Almond visited in this home Sunday.

Mrs. Madeline Inge visited Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schampel, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Childers and Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Inge of Lynchburg Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb visited Mrs. Lawrence Woodson of Lynchburg last week.

Mrs. Virginia Maxwell spent the Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett of Evergreen.

Mrs. Madeline Inge was a dinner guest Sunday among others of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Inge and family of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and family were dinner guest Sunday of Mrs. W.H. Wingfield and Julia Wingfield. They served dinner to Mrs. Mary Bagby in her home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Goin and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Willie Craft and family Sunday.

Miss Beverly Goin and Master Keith Webb spent a few days of their Easter vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb.

Dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family were Mrs. Ioan Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mayberry, Mrs. Billy Franklin and Kenneth Stuart.

Chestnut Grove

Billy Morris of Richmond spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Morris.

Sheila Tolbert of Dillwyn spent Sunday night with Sarah Morris in celebration of Sarah's birthday. Other guests for supper were Dale Glover of Hixburg and Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Morris of Appomattox.

Mrs. Johnny M. Harris and Mrs. Barbara Dunn were co-hostesses to a 40th wedding anniversary celebration Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Millard Waycaster at Jones Chapel Baptist Church in Cumberland.

Several children in the community have chickenpox.

Mrs. Vernard Proffitt, Mrs. Kemper Beasley Sr. and Mrs. W.T. Cook were Friday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Clabo of Farmville.

Mrs. Roy Pope of Amelia is spending some time with Mrs. Alice Senger. Other recent visitors of Mrs. Senger included Mr. and Mrs. Morton Baldwin of Crewe, Ronda Weakley and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris and girls, all of Appomattox; Mrs. Linda Wright, Mrs. Cathy Acosta, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Prince and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pope and Sandra Pope, all of Amelia; Mr. and Mrs. Kline Hill and boys and Mrs. Leota Kulick, all of Richmond.

Mrs. Effie Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ott and family, all of Knoxville, Tenn. were recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan.

Mrs. Bob Mann and Chuck Meek spent the weekend at Virginia Beach with Mrs. John Meek and visited John Meek at a hospital where he underwent surgery last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan attended the Virginia Pork Industry Commission meeting in Roanoke Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheppard of Cumberland spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Henson Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hamilton and girls of Burkeville were recent visitors of Mrs. Alice Senger.

Mr. and Mrs. Kline Hill and boys of Richmond spent the weekend in the former R.L. Harris residence.

Mr. and Mrs. John Waycaster, Amy and Jason of Farmville had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris.

Kathy Beasley spent Friday night with Theresa Burger in Appomattox.

The Rev. David L. Stanley

David Stanley to preach

The Red Oak Baptist Church in Oakville will have revival services beginning this Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Services will also be held Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:55 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Daniel L. Stanley, student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. and a native of Roanoke, will be preaching. Rev. Stanley, an experienced preacher, served for two years as a Missionary Journeyman to Ghana, West Africa.

Journeyman to Ghana, West Africa.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services and to join with the church in a covered dish dinner on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The Rev. James R. Vaught is pastor.

Mt. Shiloh

We hope that the Easter season was enjoyed by all.

You are invited to attend second Sunday morning services at 11 a.m. The Rev. Robert King of Newark, N.J., will again be guest speaker.

The Women's Auxiliary executive board met in the home of Sister Georgia Fleshman, Saturday at 2. The meeting concerned making plans for the convention in July.

The Usher's Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. April 9. All members are urged to attend. New procedures will be discussed and plans will be made for upcoming anniversary services.

The Appomattox Branch of NAACP will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday after the second Sunday at the Peaceful Grove Baptist Church, Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tanner of Baltimore, spent the Easter holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Randolph and sons have returned to their home in Tampa, Florida after spending the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Fleshman, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Randolph.

Mr. Willis Fleshman, of California, is spending some time with relatives and friends.

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Rocks news

By CASSIE BALDWIN

Rocks - March 28: Schools closed for Easter holidays on Friday. Some students left on Sunday night on their senior trip to Florida.

It will soon be time to plant corn.

James Ryan had surgery at Lynchburg General Hospital on Tuesday. Speedy recovery is wished him.

Zane Hamlin had surgery on Tuesday, March 28. His sons from Ohio are with him. May he have a very speedy recovery.

Rachel Richardson entered Lynchburg General Hospital on Sunday night again.

Sympathy goes out to Mrs. Fred Robertson in the death of her sister, Mrs. Percy George.

Get-well wishes go out to Mary Ellen Hamlett, who fell and broke her ankle last Monday.

Mrs. Lockie Martin went back to the doctor on Monday. May she have a quick recovery.

Get-well wishes go out to Walter Carrico of Evergreen, who is in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mattie Harvey of Darlington Heights, who celebrated her 94th birthday recently. May she have many more.

The evening service was quite different at Rocks on Sunday night. It included a ceremony of marriage vow renewals by seven couples of Rocks Church, a Gift Bible presented by the Young Women honoring Miss Debbie Roach, and a luncheon for a Sunday school class at 5 p.m. at the parsonage with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

The birthday party for Cassie Baldwin was held on March 27th at the close of the evening. A big basket of flowers was presented at the Sunday school hour by Harry W. Ranson and family. The cake was made by the Rev. Wes and Nancy Williams and Myrle Richardson. Frank Lee Elder made photographs.

The older one gets, the better the birthdays are. Thanks to everyone for being so nice and doing so much. May the Lord bless you.

The Associational Pastor/Deacon Seminar was held at Liberty Church on Thursday night, Mar. 31st.

Herbert Goins is at Unico, Tenn. and not where he was as stated in the paper.

No evening services were held at Rocks Church on Easter Sunday.

The W.M.U. at Rocks reached its Home Mission goal.

Glad Mrs. Ciara Garrett is doing much better. Our prayers are with her and her loved ones.

It was good to see Lewis Harris at church last Sunday. He will go back to work soon.

The Rocks Community Club will meet on April 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

It was the Rev. E.M. Terry's mother who he and his wife went to see, rather than her mother, as stated in last week's paper.

Bill Caldwell returned from Martinsville on Wednesday. His mother is in a room. May she have a speedy recovery.

Get well wishes go out to Wayne Metcalf, who was rushed to Lynchburg hospital Friday morning.

Members of the ACHS Drama Club who were selected for competition on a statewide level are at University of Virginia for a few days.

Much success is wished them.

Oakville news

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lewis and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moore and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bowman and son and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Godsey were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Moore and Mrs. Claudie Moore on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claudia Allen Moore, Marlene and Angie and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of North Carolina joined the group for the dinner meal.

Mrs. Helen Bussey of Roanoke visited Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter a few days last week; also her other sisters namely Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr. of Appomattox, Mrs. Burnett Smith, of Lynchburg, and Alise Drinkard at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Marguerite Brassell and friend of Harrisonburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher Sunday afternoon.

Miss Shelia Wells remains a patient at University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville. She is improving so hope she may be able to return home this week.

The children of Lewis Moore and their families met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher for dinner Sunday.

Miss Kathy Marshall, of Winston Salem, N.C., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Marshall over the week end.

Mrs. Sue Johnston has returned home after a trip to St. Petersburg, Fla., where she visited her sister, Minnie, and also attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Miss Laura Leah Johnston.

The family of Mrs. Graydon Martin celebrated her 81st birthday Sunday at home. All of her children, except Warren of San Diego, Calif., were present, also all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Myra Harvey, of Culpeper, is visiting in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore.

Miss Anne Russell Miller, of Seattle, Washington, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Irma Taylor and Carl last week.

Mr. Roland Smith remains a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital. Our prayers go out to him and his family.

Mrs. Roland Smith was rushed to the emergency room at Lynchburg General Hospital due to a fall. She returned home that night by the Appomattox Rescue Squad. Visiting her at home were Mrs. Claudia Moore, Mrs. Alton Moore, Mrs. Willie Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Daye, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Ferguson, Mrs. Clarice Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lucado, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Booth and boys, Mrs. Elizabeth Marsh and all her children.

Mr. Tom Moore remains a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital. Our prayers go out to him and his family. Visiting Mrs. Tom Moore this week were Mrs. Claudia Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Moore and family, fo Richmond and Mrs. Emma Totty.

Mt. Airy

The Love of God Gospel Singers will present a program of music at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 10 at Mt. Airy Baptist Church.

On April 17 the Men's Club will celebrate their anniversary. The Rev. Winston L. Jones and his choir will be the guests for this service.

On April 24 at 7 p.m. the Usher Board will have their anniversary service. The Pleasant Valley Baptist Church Men's Choir will be guests.

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